

REMARKS

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this Amendment.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 5-12 and 15-17 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Support for claim 22 can be found in claim 1, Figure 4, and at page 16 of the specification.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Over Applicant's Disclosure in View of Kamimura

Claims 1-4, 13-14 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Applicant's disclosure in view of Kamimura (JP 2000-275629). Applicant maintains traversal.

The inability of the Applicant's disclosure combined with Kamimura to allege *prima facie* obviousness over the invention is of record in the application. Applicant additionally notes that neither the Applicant's disclosure nor Kamimura discloses or suggests a liquid crystal display device having a configuration wherein light from the backlight device interplays with a polarizer in a black matrix to improve light efficiency. See claim 22. As a result, the combination of the

Applicant's disclosure and Kamimura fail to allege *prima facie* obviousness for this additional reason.

Accordingly, this rejection is overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Interview with the Examiner

If the Examiner feels that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to immediately contact the Applicants representative at the telephone number listed below in order to arrange an Interview.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

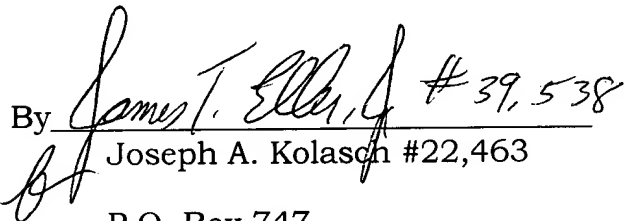
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 22 has been added.